

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging page 2 and 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--A striker 10 according to the present invention has a longitudinal plate-like metal base 11 which is fixed to a vehicle body 9 ~~(not shown in the figure)~~ by a bolt or the like, and an approximately U-shaped engaging member 12 which is fixed to the base 11. A linear metal rod 14 (Fig. 5) which is used as the material of the engaging member 12 preferably has a round cross section with the same diameter at any portion, and first of all, it is cut to have a predetermined length. The cut linear rod 14 is bent by press work or the like, and is formed to be a U-shaped rod 13 which is composed of a first leg part 15 as an engaging side, a second leg part 16 as a support side, and a front connecting part 17 disposed between the front end of the first leg part 15 and the front end of the second leg part 16. The first leg part 15 is, as shown in Fig. 4, engageable with an engaging recess 19 of a latch 18 of a vehicle door latch device to be attached to a vehicle door.--